



**LEWIS & CLARK CAVERNS**  
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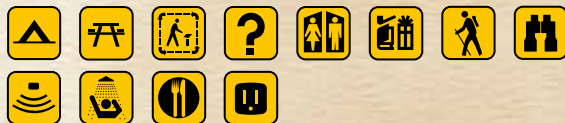
## NATURAL RECREATION SITES

Montana is world renown for natural beauty and scenic wonders, and many of these awesome sites are found in our state parks. Whether your idea of eye candy is an unusual geological formation or an area of pristine, untouched beauty, our state parks have something special waiting for you—right outside your own backyard.

### LEWIS & CLARK CAVERNS

Explore one of the most highly decorated limestone caverns in the northwest on an informative two-hour guided tour. The park also has hiking trails, ranger programs, nature store/deli, cabins and campground. A brand new visitor center features a classroom and interpretive displays. Fee charged for Caverns tour. Easy highway access.

22 miles west of Three Forks on MT 2 or 18 miles east of Whitehall on MT 2. (Lat 45.843, Lng-111.883)  
Phone (406) 287-3541.

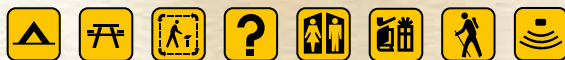


### MAKOSHIKA

Hogback ridges, fluted hillsides, pinnacles and caprocks ornament a network of buttes at this scenic park.

The site of rare dinosaur finds, Makoshika features a visitor center, campground, hiking trails, archery range, amphitheater and scenic vistas. For more information on the Montana Dinosaur Trail, please visit [www.mtdinotrail.org](http://www.mtdinotrail.org).

Located at the southeast edge of Glendive. Follow the signs through town-Merrill Avenue to Barry St. to Taylor Ave. (Lat 47.062, Lng-104.668) Phone (406) 377-6256.





### GREYCLIFF PRAIRIE DOG TOWN

Black-tailed prairie dogs are very social animals that engage in activities such as communicating and grooming each other. This is a great place to enjoy a picnic and learn about the important role these animals play in the prairie ecosystem.

Nine miles east of Big Timber at I-90 exit 377. (Lat 45.759, Lng-109.79) Phone (406) 247-2940.



### LONE PINE

With spectacular views of the magnificent Flathead Valley and Glacier National Park, one can learn about the area's cultural and natural history at Lone Pine. Visitor Center offers nature and interpretive programs. The park also offers great hiking opportunities.

5 miles southwest of Kalispell. Follow U.S. Hwy 2 west to Meridian Road, then south on Meridian to Foys Lake Road, then to Lone Pine Road. (Lat 48.176, Lng-114.337) Phone (406) 755-2706.



### MEDICINE ROCKS

Weathering has given the soft sandstone rock formations in this scenic 320-acre park a Swiss-cheese look. Jutting abruptly from the southeastern Montana prairie, this park's unique scenery and rugged beauty is a sight to behold. Visitors often see mule and white-tailed deer, antelope and wild turkey.

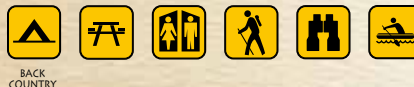
25 miles south of Baker on MT 7. (Lat 46.045, Lng-104.469) Phone (406) 234-0900.



### SLUICE BOXES

In this area of pristine beauty and historical mining significance, one can see the remains of the Albright town site, limestone quarry and railroad trestles lining Belt Creek. A primitive trail provides access to fishing, challenging floats and wildlife viewing. Permit required to camp. Call phone number below prior to your visit.

12 miles south of Belt on U.S. 89 on the Kings Hill Scenic Highway, then 1/2 mile west on county road 340. (Lat 47.178, Lng-110.946) Phone (406) 454-5840.



### LOST CREEK

The varied wildlife, unusual geological formations and picturesque Lost Creek Falls provide visitors with a unique outdoor experience. Look for mountain goats and bighorn sheep in the area.

1.5 miles east of Anaconda on MT 1, then 2 miles north on Secondary 273, then 6 miles west. (Lat 46.21, Lng-113.004) Phone (406) 542-5500.



### WILD HORSE ISLAND (ON FLATHEAD LAKE)

Boat access only to this day-use park helps regulate and protect the 2,000-acre island. Check with park staff on the best ways to reach the island and its trails. Visitors can enjoy trout fishing, mule deer, bighorn sheep and more.

Access from Big Arm State Park via boat. (Lat 47.845, Lng-114.218) Phone (406) 752-5501.



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## YELLOWSTONE RIVER STATE PARK AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

This combination State Park/Wildlife Management area consists of over 4,000 acres along the north shore of the Yellowstone River and includes nearly 5 miles of river shoreline. A campground is being developed; expected opening is 2011.



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28 miles east of Billings on I-94, exit 23. Highway 312 west, north on Bundy Road, then west onto Bozeman Trail. (Lat 45.998, Lng -108.089) Phone (406) 247-2940.



## MARIAS RIVER STATE PARK AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Straddling a 17-mile stretch of the Marias River, this pristine and scenic river valley offers important natural and cultural resources. Limited road access and parking is available at the northwest corner of this new site. The development of boat camps for river floaters is planned for summer 2010.

Southwest of Shelby. Entrance is 2.5 miles from junction of Hjartson Road and McCormick Road. (Lat 48.444, Lng -111.97) Phone (406) 454-5840.



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COUNTRY

## NORTH SHORE STATE PARK AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Nestled on magnificent Flathead Lake, this State Park/Wildlife Management Area (WMA) shares a border with the Flathead Lake Waterfowl Production area. The WMA is closed each year from March 1 through July 15 while birds are nesting. Future development calls for a campground, which will be open year-round.

On Montana Hwy 82 3.6 miles east of US 93 near Somers and 3.2 miles west of US 35 near Bigfork. (Lat 48.095, Lng -114.153) Phone (406) 752-5501.



## WATER-BASED RECREATION SITES

For those who like their fun with a little water, Montana State Parks are just the place. We offer great sites for fishing, swimming, water skiing, boating and more. For more detailed information on rules and regulations, please see our Web site at [fwp.mt.gov/parks](http://fwp.mt.gov/parks).

### ACKLEY LAKE

Nestled in rich grassland with beautiful mountain views, Ackley Lake offers a variety of year-round water sports opportunities. Motorized boating and water-skiing permitted. Popular for rainbow trout fishing.

17 miles west of Lewistown on U.S. 87 to Hobson, then 5 miles south on Hwy 400, then 2 miles southwest on county road. (Lat 46.957, Lng -109.943) Phone (406) 454-5840.



### BEAVERTAIL HILL

A one-mile disabled-accessible self-guided nature trail points out many of the natural features of the riparian zone in which the park is located. In addition to RV and tent camping, this park also features the opportunity to rent a full-size tipi for the night.

Located 26 miles southeast of Missoula on I-90 to Beavertail Hill exit 130, then .25 mile south on county road. (Lat 46.719, Lng -113.574) Phone (406) 542-5500.

